

**567—148.3(455B) Site selection for investigation criteria.**

**148.3(1) *General requirement.*** The director shall investigate each known or suspected hazardous waste or hazardous substance disposal site.

**148.3(2) *Order of investigation.*** Three priority criteria shall be used to help determine the order of investigation of potential sites for the registry. The criteria are intended as general guidance and shall not be used to limit the department's selection of sites for investigation or the order of such investigation.

*a. First priority.* Final or proposed National Priorities List (NPL) sites. Summary information on the Iowa NPL sites is available in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's current update of National Priorities List Sites: Iowa.

*b. Second priority.* Sites with documented releases of contaminants to the groundwater above action levels or which otherwise may pose a significant threat to human health or the environment because of known or potential disposal activities.

*c. Third priority.* Sites without documented releases of contaminants to the groundwater above action levels and which otherwise may not pose a significant threat to human health or the environment because of known or potential disposal activities.